

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 4

Introduced by Assembly Member Cardoza
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Cohn, Frommer, Reyes, and
Salinas)
(Coauthor: Senator Romero)

May 15, 2001

An act to add Section 2774.5 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to electric power, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 4, as introduced, Cardoza. Electric power.

Existing law provides that in the event that any electrical or gas corporation experiences any shortage of electricity or gas and is unable to obtain electricity or gas from any other source so that it is unable to meet the demand of its customers, the Public Utilities Commission is authorized to order that service be temporarily reduced.

This bill would require an electrical corporation or public entity that provides electric power to immediately notify the Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol and the sheriff and any affected chief of police of the specific area within their respective law enforcement jurisdiction that will sustain a planned loss of power as soon as the planned loss becomes known as to when and where that power loss will occur.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2774.5 is added to the Public Utilities Code, to read:

2774.5. An electrical corporation or public entity that provides electric power shall immediately notify the Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol and the sheriff and any affected chief of police of the specific area within their respective law enforcement jurisdictions that will sustain a planned loss of power as soon as the planned loss becomes known as to when and where that power loss will occur. The notification shall include common geographical boundaries, grid or block numbers of the effected area, and the next anticipated power loss area designated by the electrical corporation or public entity during rotating blackouts.

SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to protect the public from increased criminal activity during the current energy shortage, it is necessary for this act to take effect immediately.

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